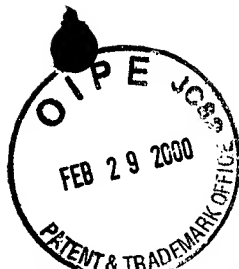


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Dear Sir:

Attached is Form PTO-1449 listing several prior art references which were obtained in foreign prosecution of this case and which are submitted herein to comply with applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.97. It is submitted that these references are only of a general background nature and do not change the status of the case as originally pending.

Copies of the listed references are enclosed. The Examiner is requested to consider the references and make them of record.

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